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Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

The Archives has previously advised me that there is no material in the name files of the Warren Commission for Carlos Quiroga, except possibly CE 1414 and CE 3119, both of which are Secret Service reports. (See my letter of March 4, 1968, and the reply dated March 21.) Quiroga is the anti-Castro Cuban who visited Oswald's home in New Orleans, indicating interest in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (WR 408), and it has seemed most unlikely to me that he would not have been interviewed by the FBI. I now believe that CD 75, pages 705-704, which are withheld, do reflect an FBI interview of Quiroga. This conclusion is based on a comparison of index references for these pages with material from other sources. (See attached page.)

Quiroga did ask the Secret Service not to reveal his name, and when his friend Carlos Bringuier testified about Quiroga's contact with Oswald, his name was not put in the record (10H39-42). Quiroga's meeting with Oswald was widely publicized in connection with the recent "investigation" in New Orleans, with his name used; also, in his just-published book, "Red Friday," Carlos Bringuier no longer conceals Quiroga's identity. Thus it would appear that the probable reason for withholding an interview of Quiroga at the Archives, to protect the confidentiality he requested, is no longer applicable.

I am, therefore, asking that you make these two pages available under section 2c of the Attorney General's letter of April 13, 1965, which provides that "all unclassified material which has been disclosed ... in substance in the ... published documents [of the Commission] should be made available to the public on a regular basis." The determination of what has been so disclosed is apparently to be made by the Archives, not by the agency of origin.

Should this request be denied, I wish to ask that the FBI reconsider its position that these pages should be withheld, and that you transmit this request to the FBI on my behalf.

I hope that you can tell me at this time whether the pages in question are in fact a report of an interview with Quiroga, with his name given; an interview with an unnamed individual; an interview with some other named person (e.g., Carlos Bringuier); or not an interview report at all.

Also, please tell me under which of the Guidelines 3A, 3B, and 3C (which together apply to all the withheld pages of CD 75) these specific pages are withheld. If CD 75 has a table of contents and/or a synopsis, please send me a copy. In case I have not done so explicitly before, I wish to request a list of the pages which become available as a result of the review scheduled for this year.

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Sincerely yours,

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